

## Lethbridge Experimental

## Station

## WEEKLY LETTER

HAY MAKING WITH  
CRESTED WHEATGRASS

A severe winter has again focused the attention of farmers and ranchers on the question of adequate feed reserves. Feed stocks throughout much of the province have been badly depleted and will have to be built up again as a form of insurance against another severe season.

Throughout the drier section of the province crested wheatgrass is the most dependable grass that can be grown. It is very drought resistant and stands will survive several dry years. In addition the grass makes a very early start in the spring and can take advantage of the available moisture at that time. This is particularly noticeable this year when fields of crested wheatgrass have made a good growth and are much further ahead than adjoining native

range.

To make a good quality hay crested wheatgrass must be cut just after heading and before full flowering. If left longer than this the grass becomes wiry and tough and is not particularly relished by stock. This is probably the main reason that crested wheatgrass hasn't been more widely utilized for hay production in the past. When a considerable acreage has to be cut it is often advisable to start mowing a little before heading so that the whole field will be down before the grass passes its best stage.

Yield data obtained at a number of points throughout the southeastern part of the province have shown that a yield of approximately three quarters to one ton of cured hay per acre may be expected in most years. This, of course, will depend upon available moisture. Regarding yield, it should be noted that the hay crop in any one year is the total growth since the previous year's cut. As a result a crested wheatgrass

field should not be pastured after August in any one year if a good hay crop is expected the following year. Information regarding seeding and managing crested wheatgrass for hay or pasture may be obtained from your district Agriculturalist or from the nearest Dominion Experimental Station.

## My Week

by R. J. Deachman

It is interesting these days to pick up a number of different papers across Canada—samples of what people read. Do the readers make the papers or the editors? Some of these are gay, some are serious, some are worried about word problems but always here and there, there is a touch of light. I ran across this one in the Saturday, May 1st issue, of the Edmonton Journal:

"At a recent banquet of Henry Wallace supporters, the charge was \$100 a plate, obviously not the 'century of the common man'."

The hundred dollar banquets which our American friends bring forward in election years are really gentle ways of contributing to campaign funds. In this country we would be rather suspicious of such a thing and a \$100-per plate dinner might hurt both old political parties—it would ruin the C.C.F. The Social Creditors might get away with it—money comes easier to them. We are rather fond of plain living and high thinking so far as our political life is concerned. Sometimes we get both and sometimes we get neither—that is the way of this world—its not a wicked world even at that.

We had a Drama Festival lately in Ottawa and a Ukrainian girl, Miss Olga Landiak of the London Little Theatre won first prize as the best actress. A French group, the Cercle Moliere of Winnipeg won the first prize for the best French play "La Domination", and Les Campagnons of Montreal won high praise for their presentation of "Antigone" directed by Father Legault. Then sometime ago we had a Musical Festival here and a colored gentleman, a porter on the C.N.R. with a fine baritone voice won high praise for his singing. Ah, well they were all Canadians. Competition gives strength to life. These people won because they deserved to win. We should have more competitions along these lines.

A good friend of mine suggested to me the other day that high salaries such as some of our big executives receive give those who are on ordinary salaries a feeling of frustration. I was sorry to hear it. Let us compare two ways of doing things: A competitive society with some prizes which reach high levels and with others getting comparatively little or a society in which none went above the dead average and no matter how much anyone contributed there would be no special rewards.

Well here's something to think over. In one of our great American corporations if the top executives were cut to the level of the best workers it wouldn't raise the wages packages of cigarettes a month. If of the workers by so much as two we divided the extra which goes to those who reach the top there would be many industries in which it would not add \$10. per year to the average worker—it might reduce it by more than that. The point is this: there are men who are capable of organizing, expanding and developing a business. The world would be a great deal poorer if these men did not ex-



## OVERTIME IN OTTAWA

With only several weeks remaining before this session will be adjourned and a long list of unfinished business still on the legislative agenda members of Parliament are going to work "overtime" in order to complete as much of their tasks as possible so that Parliament may close prior to about June 30, sitting on Wednesday nights and obviously showing a burst of activity in the next several weeks, including full-dress debates on certain items which will provide more news from this nations capital than previously, judging from hints heard backstage here.

## PRICE REDUCTIONS

Ever since the Canadian Government announced the removal of the sales tax on certain foodstuffs, people have been complaining that price reductions in stores across this country have not been forthcoming as anticipated. However it must be pointed out that information in this capital shows that immediate price cuts could not be made on the food items involved by the lifting of the tax in the budget since the sales tax has been paid on the stocks now in the stores and in the hands of food distributors, with the added comment that stocks are plentiful not only in the stores but in the warehouses at the present time.

## NEW TREATY ARRANGEMENTS

"Any changes of tenure, in the event of union of Newfoundland with Canada, would of course require new treaty arrangements with the United States Government," said External Affairs Minister St. Laurent when asked in Parliament what would happen if Newfoundland favored union with Canada to the ownership of defence bases which are now occupied by U.S. forces.

## EXTENSIONS &amp; IMPROVEMENTS

The Canadian Government is proposing to introduce various improvements and extensions in the mail services of rural areas, it is learned here, though it is known that rural areas may not feel the benefits of the all-up mail service to the same degree as the more populated centres this being in reference to the carrying of mail by air under certain circumstances starting July 1. It is known in the capital that the Post Office Department is studying ways and means of inaugurating some changes which will bring marked extension of mail services to the

let—so too would be the workers in Canadian industry.

What do people like to read. They like to read something light and humorous. I sent out a story the other day which had both these qualities. There wasn't much in it that I wrote myself, it was an exchange of letters between a hotel guest and the management of the hotel. It appeared under the title "Did It Ever Happen to You." Yes it was bright and humorous and I had more comment on it than anything I have written for a year and it compares favorably with two of my most popular stories "The Hawk and The Fish" and "A Sparrow Falls". People like stories with life, movement and humor, and in this country today there is very little humorous writing. We are a serious people, far too serious.



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## SCIENCE &amp; AGRICULTURE

The constantly growing science service for agricultural undertakings of the Canadian Government has been arousing much interest along Parliament Hill where it is said that progress is being made to raise

the salaries of such scientific workers not merely to improve science services to the nation but to retain necessary personnel. In fact the whole thing has been raised in the House of Commons.

One member commenting that "it (continued on page 5)

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